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in the implant composition, the dehydrated composition being directly implantable into a living body.

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56. (Once Amended) A method of preparing and implanting a substantially dehydrated biocompatible composition, comprising the steps of drying a biocompatible composition comprising a biomaterial for augmenting a desired tissue site and a biocompatible, resorbable, lubricious carrier for the biomaterial, the carrier comprising a polysaccharide gel having a viscosity of from about 20,000 to about 350,000 centipoise, and implanting the dehydrated composition into a desired tissue site.

67. (Once Amended) A substantially dehydrated biocompatible composition, comprising a biocompatible, resorbable, medium for suspending a biomaterial, the suspending medium comprising a dehydrated polysaccharide gel for maintaining the biomaterial suspended in the implant composition,

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wherein the polysaccharide gel has a viscosity before dehydration of from about 150,000 centipoise to about 250,000 centipoise.

68. (Once Amended) A substantially dehydrated biocompatible composition, comprising a biocompatible, resorbable, medium for suspending a biomaterial, the suspending medium comprising a dehydrated polysaccharide gel for maintaining the biomaterial suspended in the implant composition,

wherein the polysaccharide gel has a viscosity before dehydration of from about 200,000 centipoise to about 250,000 centipoise.

71. (New) The composition of claim 42, wherein the dehydrated composition is directly implantable into a body without a grinding or resuspending operation.

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72. (New) A substantially dehydrated biocompatible composition, comprising:
a biomaterial; and